

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Attorney Docket No. 08-349-WO-US)

PATENT

In re Application of: Holtet et al. )  
Serial No.: 10/533,290 ) Before the Examiner: P. M. Mertz  
Filed: February 7, 2006 ) Group Art Unit: 1646  
For: Trimeric Binding Proteins for ) Confirmation No.: 6045  
Trimeric Cytokines )

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants request a Two-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Official Action mailed July 24, 2009. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the amount of \$245.00 for an Extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), as well as any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Dated: December 24, 2009

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